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Dear Mr. Rubinstein,

Yesterday, while driving, I turned on our classical music station as I always do, and felt particularly happy to hear Rachmaninov's 2nd piano concerto being performed. This piece has been my favorite since childhood, and the first record I ever owned was of you playing this concerto.

I drove very slowly, listening well to this beautiful and - to me - very special piece, and as I listened I became filled with awe and thought to myself, "Ah, this is even more beautiful than I ever heard before. I hear such power, a newer, better quality than before - alas, it is someone else, not Rubinstein this time, but a younger pianist, perhaps." So I experienced the ambivalence - joy at the beauty of the music, sorrow that my beloved "Rubinstein" had been replaced. Imagine, then, my happiness at hearing the announcer say, as the performance ended, "Of course, that was Arthur Rubinstein with the Chicago Symphony."

Yours,
Sonia Leviten